

# THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA

OVER THE STATE.

TO DEFEAT LAW'S PURPOSE

At a special election in Valparaiso the question of license carried.

A fine team of horses was stolen from Frank Olesen at Grand Island.

Norfolk officials have decided that saloons must be tightly closed on Sunday.

At Grand Island last week quarantine was released in five cases of scarlet fever.

The friends of Geo. W. Marsh of Richardson county are booming him for congress.

Congregations of the various churches in Wahoo joined in union services for one week.

Little girls playing with matches resulted in the burning of two haystacks for L. G. Sack of Cass county.

The Fremont Commercial club is making preparations for its annual banquet to be held on May 15.

Mrs. Hattie Crowchow of Fremont attempted suicide by poison, but a physician arrived in time to save her.

John Beal of Broken Bow was thrown from a horse, receiving a broken collar bone and other injuries.

During a high wind in Nemaha county a number of corn cribs were blown over. Several windmills were also blown down.

The town of Florence, Douglas county, has organized an improvement club and propose to get busy in behalf of that thriving burg.

Although the early fruit and vegetation was somewhat damaged by the severely cold weather and frosts, yet the prospect is fair for a good crop in Pawnee county.

The Security Fire Insurance company of Baltimore has received from the insurance department of the auditor's office license to operate in Nebraska during the coming fiscal year. The company has a capital stock of \$200,000.

The preliminary hearing of Scott Haddix, charged with killing Melvin Butler April 16, was resumed before County Judge Armour at Broken Bow. Haddix was bound over in the sum of \$10,000 to appear at the next term of district court. He is looking for bail.

John Lynch and John Boe are the names given by the men arrested in the north part of Franklin county and placed in jail at Bloomington on charge of looting the safe in the post-office at Franklin. The men, who refuse to talk, are believed to be guilty.

It is not probable that Fremont will have a new Y. M. C. A. building in the near future. The canvass which had been in progress four weeks was given up and the committee at a special meeting held there, voted to not pursue it further. It has been decided to abandon the project, at least for the present.

Orders have been received at the Plattsburgh shops for the employment of forty additional men in the coach department. Principally experienced car and truck men will be employed. All the other departments, with the exception of the machine shop, have their full numbers of men now at work.

Mrs. Harve Beckner filed a complaint in justice of the peace court at Nebraska City charging her husband with desertion and abandonment. Beckner is under arrest at New Richmond, Wis., and Sheriff Shrader went to Lincoln to secure requisition papers and will leave for Wisconsin to bring back the transgressor for trial.

Insurance Deputy Pierce is doing a land office business in the matter of collecting fees this year, surpassing the business for any previous year for the same period of time. So far this year he has collected in license fees for agents the 2 per cent gross tax and entrance fees, \$92,797, while for six months last year he collected only \$72,772.

The supreme court has handed down an opinion refusing to appoint a receiver for the Paxton hotel. Rome Miller of Omaha started the suit against James B. Kitchen, Miller complaining of alleged mismanagement of the Kitchen Hotel company. The court declares that no receiver can be appointed when a concern is conducting an apparently profitable business.

As Lena Holly, living near Hardy, a 14-year-old girl, was driving home from school she was accosted and her horse stopped by William Zumhoff, who made indecent proposals to her. By whipping the horse she managed to elude him, although he tried to catch hold of her. He was arrested, pleaded guilty to the charge of assault, and was fined \$50 and costs.

Ten more depositors have begun suit to recover damages from Bank Examiner Whittemore and the Fidelity and Guaranty company of Maryland at O'Neill. They charge negligence on the part of the examiner in the examination of the condition of the Elkhorn Valley bank and claim over \$6,000 damages. The legal claims against the bank now aggregate \$45,000.

Mrs. John McPherson of Fremont was severely burned while cleaning a stove with coal oil.

The home of William Starring, which was destroyed by fire at Fremont was one of the first brick houses ever built in that city. It was erected by John Bueter in 1856.

Acting Governor McMillan refused to issue a requisition for Perry Myers, who is under arrest at Los Angeles, accused by a statutory crime. The scene of the alleged crime is at Falls City, and the acting governor ruled that the proof of the crime was inconclusive.

Measure of the Last Legislature Barring Sports.

LINCOLN—Nebraska sportsmen, racing men and attorneys are holding lively discussions over what games of sport tend to disturb the public peace; also, who shall decide that the public peace is disturbed by such sports? The debate is caused by the bill of Senator Hughes of Platte county, which was passed by the last session of the legislature and signed by the governor. By this measure, horse racing, ball playing and other sports tending to disturb the public peace are prohibited on May 30, commonly known as Decoration or Memorial day. As it now stands the measure reads: "Section 1. Any person or persons who shall, on the 30th day of May, commonly known as Decoration day, engage in horse racing, ball playing, or in any game of sport, which may tend to disturb the public peace on the 30th day of May, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court."

The Grand Army of the Republic is responsible for the origination of the bill which is meant to prevent the desecration of the day set aside to commemorate the deeds of the nation's soldier dead. As it does not carry the emergency clause the law will not become operative until July 1. Some attorneys claim that the bill will be non-effective on account of defective punctuation, which considerably complicates its construction.

ALMOST DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Man at Shubert Shoots Wife and Then Himself.

STELLA—The town of Shubert, just five miles east of this place, was the scene of a terrible tragedy. George Quiggle, after a protracted drunken spree, got a revolver and went down to where his wife was hanging out the washing and after a few words pointed the gun at her heart, at the same time pulling the trigger. She managed to turn the point of the gun so as to receive the discharge in her hand. He then shot her in the side and another load inflicting a scalp wound. He then fired a shot at his own head which rendered him unconscious and from the effects of which the doctors say he cannot recover. He tried at several of the hardware stores in Stella last week to get a gun but was refused on account of being intoxicated at the time and also refused the sale of cartridges. About five years ago he ran a livery barn in this place but for the last few years has been living in and near the town of Shubert. He was a hard drinker and very quarrelsome and disagreeable to his family. It is thought she will recover.

Invents Talking Machine.

LINCOLN—The Duplexophone company of Lincoln has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$300,000, and the incorporators are C. E. Hill, president; J. W. Clark, vice president; J. Y. M. Swigart, secretary and treasurer, and M. Lensink, manager. The company will manufacture in Lincoln a new sort of talking machine called the duplexophone, which differs from all other such machines in taking the vibrations from both sides instead of from one side of the diaphragm of the producer.

Chamberlain Seeking Bondsman.

TECUMSEH—Charles M. Chamberlain is still at work in an endeavor to raise the \$25,500 bonds the district court placed him under. He is making the rounds of the business part of the city being escorted by an officer. He does not hesitate to ask the greatest losers in the failed bank to sign his petition, but his requests are not always complied with. He met an irate farmer on the street who proceeded to air his opinion concerning his actions. It is believed he is going to be able to give the bond, as it is said he has already secured \$18,000 of the amount.

Bail Fixed at \$25,000.

TECUMSEH—Upon the convening of the district court Charles M. Chamberlain, the defaulting cashier of the defunct Chamberlain banking house of this city, was taken before Judge Babcock for bond. Judge Babcock fixed it at \$25,000, which Chamberlain may not be able to give.

The surveying party which arrived in Dakota City has been busily at work since that time between that place and Homer. From their movements there is no question but the party was sent out by the Great Northern railway.

Bull Kills Farmer.

FRANKLIN—E. L. Beck, a wealthy and prosperous farmer was killed at his farm three miles southeast of this place by a furious bull. Mr. Beck was out in the field working with cattle when the bull attacked him. He had a pitch fork which was found with tines bent showing he made a fight to save his life. The bull had been dehorned but used his feet, stamping his victim into an almost unrecognizable mass. It was several hours before his body was found and he was still alive but died soon after.

## SECRETS OF THE OCEAN

Ships that Have Mysteriously Disappeared from Human Knowledge.

There are few things which are so full of mystery, or which make such a powerful appeal to the imagination, as the stories of ships that sail gallantly out to sea and of which nothing is ever heard or seen after the masts have dipped below the horizon. At present papers are full of the records of three of these marine tragedies. To-day it is the Claverdale, which left Hong-Kong on Nov. 23 for Vladivostok, and of which no trace has since been found; yesterday it was the Royalist, which cleared a few days later from Singapore to Hong-Kong, and has never reached her destination; the day before it was the Idum, from Norway, which vanished from human view; and so on, through the long list of ships that have sailed and disappeared.

What are the secrets of this mysterious vanishing of stately ships with their crews and cargoes? In nineteen cases out of twenty the secrets lie with the ships many fathoms deep, and will perhaps never lead to light. To this day no one knows what became of the City of Glasgow, which set her sails so gallantly in the Mersey half a century and more ago, bound for Philadelphia, nor was she seen again after the hills of Wales were lost to view.

The Burvie Castle left London some years ago on a long voyage to Australia. She should have made a final call at Plymouth, but she never came within sight of the Hoe, nor has human eye ever seen her from the day she dropped down the Channel. It was on May 10, 1854, that the Lady Nugent spread her sails at Madras with 367 of the Twenty-fifth Madras Light Infantry and other passengers on board. Her destination was Rangoon, but half a century has gone and neither Rangoon nor any other port has sighted her.

Nearly two years later the Collins liner, the Pacific, dropped down the Mersey with 180 souls on board. She was accounted one of the stoutest and swiftest vessels of her time—and so, no doubt, she was. But she went the

way of the City of Glasgow had gone a couple of years earlier, and for forty-nine years has been lying at the bottom of the sea—but where, none may know till all secrets are revealed. The training vessel Atlanta started, a quarter of a century ago, for a short cruise in Bermudian waters, and from that day to this no one knows what became of her and the 200 souls she carried.

On Jan. 28, 1870, the City of Boston sailed from Halifax for England with 191 souls on board. She was an Inman liner, a fine ship, splendidly equipped and handled; but she, too, was destined to vanish from the face of the waters.

The victim of another still-remembered ocean mystery was the President, a fine vessel, which was expected at Liverpool in March, 1841. March passed and Liverpool saw nothing of her. The long delay in her arrival caused anxiety, and the wildest rumors began to be circulated. On April 14 news came that her engines and rudder had been disabled in heavy weather and that she had put into Madeira for repairs, and there naturally followed a reaction from the gloomy forebodings to transports of joy. The vessel was expected at Liverpool on a certain day, and her arrival was awaited by hundreds of people who had friends aboard; but she never came, and it was found that the story of her arrival at Madeira was a heartless hoax. All the time the ill-fated vessel was at the bottom of the sea.

On Nov. 30, 1888, a large vessel was seen from the beach at Deal, sailing towards the Goodwin Sands. She was a fair picture to look on, as she moved over the waters with her stately spread of sails. But as the eyes of the watchers followed her she was seen to pause, and within a few seconds she vanished utterly from their view. What caused this tragically sudden disappearance of a stately ship? That is another of the countless secrets which the ocean has in its jealous keeping.

MEANS TO BAR AMERICANS.

United States Fishermen Kept from Newfoundland Waters.

In the Newfoundland legislature last week Premier Bond intimated that the



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government intends adding to the bill excluding American fishermen from the British waters an additional clause providing for the suspension of the act by a decision of the governor and council at any time they may be convinced such a course would be in the interest of the colony. This statement is in possession of information which indicates the prospect of some arrangement being reached in the United States senate with reference to the Bond-Hay treaty, which will enable the government to deal with the fishing situation as necessity arises. The premier reaffirmed his contention that American fishermen can fish in colonial waters only by permission of the colonial government and quoted authorities in support of his position. Opposition Leader Morine quoted other existing treaties American fishing rights are practically unrestricted in scope.

Good Authors in Demand.

In England, it is said, competition in the trade is enhancing the prices paid to authors of the first class. To secure a book by a popular author nowadays it is often necessary to make arrangements with him not months but years before it is written. There is one well-known writer who it is asserted, has filled up his programme of books with the publishers who are to produce them up to 1914. And it is one of the risks which publishers have to face that the author's powers may have diminished or his popularity waned before the contrast is fulfilled.

"Virgin Mary's Needle."

Close to the old Augvudals church on Karmoen Island, Norway, and leaning towards it, is a stone pillar about 25 feet high called the "Virgin Mary's Needle." Tradition holds that when the pillar touches the church the world will come to an end. The superstitious local parson, whenever he imagines that his point is getting nearer to the sacred building, promptly mounts the pillar and chisels a bit off the top so as to save the world from an untimely end.

BRAINS COUNT IN FARMING.

Scientific Knowledge Necessary to Achieve Success.

The profits on raising wheat are enormous when the proper attention is given to the subject, but it is no longer the case that the mere treading of the soil will produce large crops. To the extent that our farmers have discovered that agriculture is a scientific pursuit, calling for the greatest intelligence and industry, it has been successful. It is no longer the case that the bright boys are sent to the city and the dullard left to run the farm. In these days when so much has been discovered concerning the rotation of crops, the nitrogenic fertilization of seed, the science of reproduction and the wonderful possibilities in hybrids, it is the brightest young man who is needed on the farm and who makes a fortune with little trouble. Fortunately, at the same time the suburban trolley, the country telephone and the rural free delivery have come along with the cheapening and bettering of literature, so that the happiest and most independent as well as the most prosperous man in the country is the farmer.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

FEAR FOR "JOE" JEFFERSON.

Veteran Actor Seriously Ill and Physicians Are Alarmed.

Joseph Jefferson lies critically ill at his winter residence at Palm Beach, Fla. His condition, reported by the attending physician, Dr. R. B. Potter, is little, if any, improved. He is surrounded by his family, and they are prepared to expect death at any time.

Three weeks ago Mr. Jefferson visited former President Cleveland at



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Hope Sound, where he caught cold, and on his return to Palm Beach he was forced to take to his bed. He convalesced and was up after a few days' confinement, when he was seized with a relapse.

New York Franchises.

For 1905 the assessed valuation of franchises in the city of New York is \$302,193,550. At the tax rate of \$1.51 the annual revenue from these franchises would be over four and a half million dollars. The accumulated taxes due the city for six years are over twenty million dollars. The corporations resisted in the courts the payment of this tax and after a long legal battle the Court of Appeals, on April 28, 1903, unanimously sustained it.—New York World.

EMPEROR TO YIELD RULE?

Persistent Rumors That Francis Joseph Will Abdicate.



ARIS dispatch: On the very highest authority it is announced that Emperor Francis Joseph has made up his mind to abdicate in the near future, probably in May. This confirms a rumor which was printed in the Petit Parisien a few days ago, and in which it was stated that the Emperor had already notified the heir presumptive, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, of his intention.

This sudden decision of the Emperor comes as a result of a complaint made by the heir presumptive that Francis Joseph in the most selfish manner gave in to the demands of the opposition without thinking for a moment of the difficulties which this would make for his successor on the throne, who would find it absolutely impossible to preserve the unity of the Empire. These words were reported direct to the Emperor, who immediately had a conference with the Austrian Ambassador in Berlin, Count Szogyeny, who is said to have advised him to abdicate and no longer sacrifice his own personal welfare for the sake of a people which did not appreciate it.

SEE DECLINE IN MANHOOD.

Marked Physical Degeneracy in the British Isles.

In case of war, England would have to depend upon her great preponderance in naval strength, literally, for bread and meat. If her ports could be blockaded, if her merchant ships could be captured at sea, she could be starved out in a few weeks. But this is not the only trouble, and possibly it is not the most serious danger. Involved in the decadence of her agriculture. The people who have been practically forced to abandon the country have crowded into the great cities, where there is no room for them, and where, at the best, they can find only a very scant and precarious employment. One consequence of this state of things is wholesale physical degeneracy. The so-called comfortable classes in England still present magnificent types of physical manhood, but the class from which the rank and file of the regiments that followed Wellington in Spain and stood with him at Waterloo were drawn has been impoverished, neglected and starved down to dregs and cinders of humanity.—New Orleans Picayune.

GARFIELD'S PLANS ARE MADE.

Commissioner Ready for Investigation in Kansas.

OPEKA dispatch: Boycotts, discrimination, freight rates and changes in the price of oil are the four subjects which the Commissioner of Corporations, James R. Garfield, will investigate during his stay in Kansas. Under these four principal subjects are a number of questions which will effect the general result. In order fully to comply with the provisions of the Campbell's resolution, Mr. Garfield expects to have to inquire into nearly eighty phases of the oil situation in the west.

Commissioner Garfield has adopted a plan which promises to end the controversy in regard to whether the Standard Oil Company has been discriminating in Kansas between dealers or between communities. His plan is to seek information direct from the retail dealers by mail, and the answers already received to his questions indicate that he is taking the right course.

Shirking the Hard Tasks.

The road to success is a rough one. Flowers bloom at the wayside, it is true, but he who would get on must sell the stones out of his way first and he among the flowers afterward. Lots of us lie among the flowers first, thinking that when we weary of that we will go to rolling stones. But the longer we lie the more distasteful and hard stone-rolling becomes. He who defers an unpleasant duty does it twice. Anticipation of it may become a continued torture. It is wise to be done with it in the first place and then contemplation of it becomes a pleasure. The shirking of responsibility, the dread of failure, leads many a man to keep doing only the things which he likes and thoroughly understands. If he is satisfied with only moderate success, all right. But he must not expect anything more of such methods.—St. Paul News.

Wants Presbyterian Cathedral.

Justice Harlan urges the Presbyterians of the United States to build in Washington, D. C., a great Presbyterian church—a "mirister." With the church he wants a fitting maese for the pastor, a parish-house, a (small) clergy-house, a staff of assistant ministers and say workers and an endowment. "Washington is not simply one of many important cities; it is the national capital," he says. "Our church owes it to itself to put its very best foot forward here."

CURE YOUR KIDNEYS.

When the Back Aches and Bladder Troubles Set In, Get at the Cause.

Don't make the mistake of believing back ache and bladder ills to be local ailments. Get at the cause and cure the kidneys. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, which have cured thousands.

It was three years ago that I used Doan's Kidney Pills for an attack of kidney trouble that was mostly back ache, and they fixed me up fine. There is no mistake about that, and if I should ever be troubled again I would get them first thing, as I know what they are.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.Y.

Getting Closer to Heaven.

Once in the Pacific coast forests, the writer came upon a magnificent sugar pine, the only tree of its kind for miles around and a landmark even in that region of giant trees. My guide, as he looked up at the top, which lifted itself almost into the clouds, remarked: "If a man could climb that tree on a Christmas morning he could hear the church bells ringing in heaven."—Exchange.

Find Buried Treasure.

In the immediate neighborhood of the little town of Klingman, in Switzerland, a case was found containing an assortment of \$29 gold coins. Most of the coins are of the years from 1602 to 1704. It is thought that the gold was buried at the time of the Spanish war of succession. The gold value of the coins is estimated at \$5,000, and the numismatic value at over 100,000 francs.

Bacilli Are Scarce in Egypt.

A German physician has discovered that the air of the Egyptian desert is about as free from bacterial life as the polar regions or the high seas. Tubercle bacilli are killed when exposed six hours in the sunlight. He considers the desert especially suitable for rheumatics and patients suffering from kidney diseases and tuberculosis.

For Growing Girls.

West Pembroke, Me., April 24.—Mrs. A. L. Smith, of this place, says that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for growing girls. Mrs. Smith emphasizes her recommendation by the following experience:

"My daughter was thirteen years old last November and it is now two years since she was first taken with Crazy Spells that would last a week and would then pass off. In a month she would have the spells again. At these times she would eat very little and was very yellow; even the whites of her eyes would be yellow.

"The doctors gave us no encouragement, they all said they could not help her. After taking one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, she has not had one bad spell. Of course, we continued the treatment until she had used in all about a dozen boxes, and we still give them to her occasionally, when she is not feeling well. Dodd's Kidney Pills are certainly the best medicine for growing girls."

Mothers should heed the advice of Mrs. Smith, for by so doing, they may save their daughters much pain and sickness and ensure a healthy, happy future for them.

True Greatness.

True greatness, first of all, is a thing of the heart. It is all alive with robust and generous sympathies. It is neither behind its age nor too far before it. It is up with its age, and ahead of it only just so far as to be able to lead its march. It cannot slumber, for activity is a necessity of its existence. It is no reservoir, but a fountain.—President Roosevelt.

THE CITY SAVINGS BANK.

This bank was organized in 1884 and has been in continuous operation since. Through the trials and vicissitudes of the last twenty years it has proven to savers that its system is thorough and its security unquestioned. It is governed by state law and supervised by the State Banking Board, its purpose is to assist those who are systematic savers. How thoroughly it is doing so is evidenced by the 6,500 people who are its customers. It pays 4 per cent. interest on deposits and maintains strict secrecy in its relations with its customers.

If you desire the opportunity of laying aside a bit of money and receive a liberal rate of interest for it or desire to conduct your business through an old established bank where it will receive prompt and satisfactory attention, write for particulars to the City Savings Bank, 201 So. 16th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Growth of Crystals.

There is no limit to the minuteness of fragments which may under favorable conditions grow into perfect crystals, no bounds as to the time during which the crystalline growth may be suspended and then continue again.

For Rent or Sale, Two Ranches of 3,000 Acres Each.

Located in Custer county on South Loup river; consists of 500 acres good corn land, 60 alfalfa, 20 meadow and the balance in pasture; good improvements. Inquire of Victor H. Coffman Omaha, Neb.